

do. Since in effect you are replacing it with Appropriations Committee amendment. That is what you intend to try to do, but on the chance that does not succeed, then we ought to have a clean slate and require each program, which is to be exempted from the cut, to be justified in receiving an exemption. But I would like to ask a question of Senator Warner if I may. Senator Warner, let's assume that your amendment is adopted and it does away with the 2 percent across the board in the Beutler amendment. Does it also nullify everything in it including these exemptions, that his amendment contains?

SENATOR WARNER: Senator...the committee amendment does have, if you had that handout this morning, does include a 1 percent reduction in selected aid programs in the amount of about \$2 million.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, but what I am asking, would those coincide...okay, if you see the Beutler amendment you see a number of agencies and programs that are exempted from the 2 percent cut.

SENATOR WARNER: Essentially it coincides except there are, I think, three aid programs that were totally repealed any funding.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Okay. Members of the Legislature, will you help me to be clear on things by adopting this amendment? Then all we are dealing with is either a 2 percent cut, across the board, should the Warner amendment fail, and should, God forbid, it succeed, then again you will have a cleaner slate from which to operate. So I hope you will at least adopt this amendment and take away all programs and agencies from the exemption status.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Chambers amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. A record vote has been called for. Record, please.

CLERK: (Record vote read as found on pages 2516-17 of the Legislative Journal.) 13 ayes, 25 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Motion fails. I had anticipated that we would be a little bit further by this time of the evening, but I would still like to get through, get to a vote on the